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Discovery is possible with [Checkout SC Backpacks](#) that will soon be available to check out from your local library. Inside each backpack is a magnifying glass, binoculars, a list of book recommendations, and a Statewide Park Passport. The goal is to encourage South Carolinians to experience the health benefits that come from spending time outdoors, learn South Carolina history, and see what state parks have to offer. These backpacks are funded in part through the Library Services and Technology Act provided by the [Institute of Museum and Library Services](#). Special thanks to the [SC Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism](#) which helped fund this program.

Collection Basics

Suppose you work in a library but know little about how the collection is maintained. You are in luck. The final part of our [Library Basics](#) series is dedicated to collection maintenance. Register for [one of the four available sessions](#) to learn how books are selected, purchased, and catalogued. Plus, weeding is not just for gardens. Get to know the library meaning behind this term and why weeding is an essential part of library operations. From checking out books to electronics, you will walk away with a better understanding of the library life cycle.



It's Your Lucky Day

You still have a chance to register for the [RIPL - Research Institute for Public Libraries](#) boot camp. RIPL is a hands-on workshop for public library leaders and others who are interested in public library data and evaluation. From March 31 to April 1 in Columbia, we will focus on practical, strategic methods of gathering, analyzing, and using data for planning, management, and communicating impact. [Register before March 10](#) to reserve your spot.

Make a Connection

You don't need luck to be able to relate to teens, you just need a little help from [YALSA](#). Join us on March 27 at the [Beaufort Library](#) for two sessions devoted to the training of teen library services staff. The [morning session](#) will focus on connected learning and will demonstrate ways to use technology to nurture student interests and build personal networks. In the [afternoon session](#), we will look at computation thinking and how to break down problems into smaller pieces that are easier to understand and solve. Register for one or both sessions and take your teen services



strategy to the next level.



Train Smarter, Not Harder

Lucky for you, we deliver free webinars to your desktop each week. Join us Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. for topics that illuminate in the library world. Next

week it is all about the authors as we explore the five must-haves for a [successful author event](#). On March 18, explore the strategies for [successful library leadership](#) followed by [Secrets of the Catalog: Basics for Non-Catalog Users](#) on March 26. It only takes an hour and you don't need to travel. Reserve your spot today.

Better Luck Together

On March 23 we'll bring together school librarians, administrators, and public library staff to examine existing partnerships, determine what makes them thrive, and help you mimic these collaborations in your district. Presenters Stephanie Rodriguez from the Nashville Public Library's [Limitless Libraries project](#) and Andrew Maxey from Tuscaloosa City Schools will highlight the Charleston County Public Library/Charleston County School District partnership. Budgeting and privacy challenges are also on the agenda. [Register to join us](#) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



State Employees



It Takes More Than Luck

A panel of librarians and state employees scrutinized each entry to select the 10 winners of the [2019 Notable State Documents award](#). A cookbook from the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition, a resource guide on birth defects, and a website highlighting the living history of our nation's bravest men and women are among publications and websites that made the cut. Winners were chosen

based on their designs, writing styles, and breadth of information.

Awards will be presented to the winning agencies and authors on March 18, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the South Carolina State Library in Columbia.

SC Residents



SC HOUSE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Committee is now open. This survey seeks public input about the Arts Commission; Attorney General's Office; Department on Aging; Department of Commerce; Department of Health and Human Services; Ethics Commission; Jobs-Economic Development Authority; State Accident Fund; and State Library. The public is encouraged to [take the survey](#), which provides an opportunity to share any comments, concerns, or suggestions about these agencies.

Share Your Input

An online survey seeking public input about nine agencies under study by the House Legislative Oversight

Don't Let Your Luck Run Out

The deadline for the [Young Minds Dreaming](#) poetry contest is one week away. Students in grades 3 through 12 have a chance to win awards and prizes. This year's theme is "the joy of words."

Students should write a poem that expresses their joy of words, joy of reading, or joy of books. Winners will be invited to an awards ceremony to meet guest poet Pat Mora, receive copies of her latest books, and Amazon gift cards. The deadline for entries is March 13 at 5:00 p.m. [Visit our contest page](#) for guidelines and submissions.

Young Minds Dreaming

Student Poetry Contest



War on Two Fronts: New Date and Time

Last month we cancelled our evening presentation with Dr. Maggi Morehouse, curator of the War on Two Fronts exhibit, because of inclement weather. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Morehouse back on March 26. Dr. Morehouse will share her research on African

Americans who served in the 92nd and 93rd Army infantry divisions during WWII. These soldiers fought for racial equality during wartime, and then participated in the Civil Rights Movement after returning home. Join us from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., as Dr. Morehouse explains how she compiled the testimonies of these soldiers into a multi-media exhibit. It is [free to register](#) to attend the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Authors of SC

Begin spring with a better understanding of Gullah/Geechee people and their appreciation for nature. [Queen Quet of the Gullah/Geechee](#) joins us at noon on March 20 for an author talk and book signing. She is the founder of the [Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition](#), a premier advocacy organization for the continuation of the Gullah/Geechee culture. Hear about Queen Quet's work to represent her people, including speaking before the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Books will be available for sale.



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